

## LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Little Silver School District Community,

The State of New Jersey requires that school districts inspect for lead in our drinking water *every six years*. You may recall that we had <u>every</u> water source tested last year. In our committed efforts to protect students, teachers, and staff members' health, we are testing annually.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, school districts must implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15  $\mu$ g/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

## Results of our Testing

We completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within the district. Through this effort, we identified and tested a percentage of all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Our plan is to inspect for lead in our drinking water with greater frequency than the required six year rotation.

At Point Road, there are far more water fountains because all classrooms have their own sinks and water fountains. Of the 26 samples taken, all but 5 tested below the desired level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15  $\mu$ g/l [ppb]). Therefore, five locations were of concern.

The following table identifies the drinking water outlets at Point Road that tested above the 15  $\mu$ g/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what remedial action Little Silver BOE has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
Classroom 113 DW	, 5 , 41	Posted signage "DO NOT DRINK-
ID#P18-6537-06	20.1	SAFE FOR HANDWASHING
(Mr. Hance)		ONLY". Replacement fountain has
		been ordered and is pending
		installation.
Classroom 105 DW		Posted signage "DO NOT DRINK-
ID# P18-6537-08	22.9	SAFE FOR HANDWASHING
(Ms. Thompson)		ONLY". Replacement fountain has
		been ordered and is pending
		installation.
Classroom 111 DW		Posted signage "DO NOT DRINK-
ID# P18-6537-14	29.5	SAFE FOR HANDWASHING
(Ms. Egidio/Mrs/ Zusack)		ONLY". Replacement fountain has
		been ordered and is pending
		installation.
Classroom 108 Sink Faucet		Sink Faucet was shut off.
ID# P18-6537-23	18.7	Replacement sink has been ordered
(Mrs. Cruz)		and is pending installation.
Classroom 109 Sink Faucet		Sink Faucet was shut off.
ID# P18-6537-25	19.9	Replacement sink has been ordered
(Mrs. Savaiano/Mrs. Bhalo)		and is pending installation.



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At Markham Place, of the 9 samples taken, all but 1 tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]), meaning one sample was of concern.

The table below identifies the drinking water outlet at  $\overline{MP}$  that tested above the 15  $\mu$ g/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what remedial action Little Silver BOE has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
MP Gym		Water Fountain removed.
Water Fountain outside of Boys'	246	Replacement fountain has been
Locker Room		ordered and is pending installation.
ID# P18-6563-06		

## **Please Note:**

Each of the Point Road classrooms has a sink with a faucet for handwashing, and a water fountain. See image below.

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection. For your convenience, the *Certificates of Analysis* can be accessed at <a href="https://www.littlesilverschools.org/departments/buildings-grounds/index">https://www.littlesilverschools.org/departments/buildings-grounds/index</a>. You will see that the Certificate of Analysis lists the sink faucet ("SINK") and the water fountain ("DW") as two different testing sites per location. Students in rooms 108 and 109can safely drink and fill their water bottles from the water fountain. The sink faucet can be used for handwashing only.



For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Rick Carlson at the Buildings and Grounds Department, 732-741-7112 ext. 3014.

For information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead">http://www.epa.gov/lead</a>, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

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